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PRESS RELEASE

MITERA PAEDIATRIC CLINIC: Establishing the first integrated Paediatric Ophthalmology Department

To meet the need for an integrated treatment of children's eye diseases, MITERA Paediatric Clinic has established the first integrated Paediatric Ophthalmology Department in Greece.

The new Paediatric Ophthalmology Department will be introduced to the scientific community on Saturday, March 21st 2009, at 10:00 a.m. at the "N. LOUROS" conference centre of MITERA. Mr. Konstandinos Stavrou, Chairman of BoD, Mr. Christos Bartsokas, Emeritus Professor of Paediatrics - Director of MITERA Paediatric Clinic and Mrs Georgia Chroussou, Professor of Ophthalmology - Head of MITERA Paediatric Ophthalmology Department, will give greeting speeches during the ceremony. The presentation will be followed by the Department's 1st Annual Workshop of Paediatric Ophthalmology.

Developed in a separate area of MITERA Paediatrics Clinic, the Paediatric Ophthalmology Department includes an outpatient office and a fully-equipped operating theatre and <u>is able to treat ANY case of children's eye diseases</u>. The state-of-the-art equipment of the department can fully match with the skills of its partners – doctors.

Modern Ophthalmology requires a combination of many subspecialties which jointly handle complicated problems. For this reason, the Paediatric Ophthalmology Department is staffed with a team of outstanding scientists: **Mrs Georgia D. Chroussou**, MD, Head of the Department, is a Professor of Ophthalmology of Georgetown University, Washington DC, specialized at **Paediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus**. The remaining subspecialties of Paediatric Ophthalmology are covered as follows:

- <u>Vitreous-Retina and Paediatric Trauma</u>: **Ioannis Stavrakas**, ophthalmologist, member of FRCS and MRCO.
- <u>Cornea, Anterior Segment and Refractive Surgery:</u> **Charilaos Brilakis,** ophthalmologist, MD, MPH.
- Ophthalmic Plastic, Orbital and Lacrimal Apparatus Surgery: George Charonis, ophthalmologist, MD and Athanasios Roumeliotis, ophthalmologist, MD.

The Paediatric Department of MITERA Paediatric Clinic is the innovative and essential solution for children in Greece who suffer from eye diseases.